

## "Atmosphere and Life"

DOCTOR CHARLES S. MILLS.

## Hebrews Observe Yom Kippur

## "Communing With Creator"

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### EXTRACTS FROM SUNDAY SERMONS DELIVERED IN ST. LOUIS PULPITS

The church must help man to develop the sense of God's voice, which he so needs to hear amid the din of his world activities and without which his life grows poor and his civilization unstable." —The Reverend Doctor Charles S. Mills.

"We all need to get into a purer, spiritual climate, where narrow thoughts and sordid motives and mean ambitions will die out—right and our better selves have room and nutriment to grow." —The Reverend Doctor E. Duckworth.

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### PRAYER BRINGS MAN INTO CONTACT WITH GOD.

Doctor Duckworth Says Communing With Creator Elevates Us Above Sordid Motives.

Watchfulness and prayer were the keynote of a sermon preached in St. James' Memorial Church yesterday morning by the Reverend Doctor E. Duckworth. Tak-

ing up the words of the Master, "And what I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch!" (St. Mark xii, 37), he said in part:

"These words form the concluding words of the second lesson appointed for this morning's service, and it would be hard to find words more salutary than those."

"I had just begun to compare them when I entered it again. Twenty years had passed since, as a boy of 16, I first gazed upon the Master's words, and then they always was it the Master's words that spoke to me."

"The crowd came again the next day, but he was not there. The final appeal had been uttered three times in the last week, and now he had begun to begin them to watch. 'Take it, he bade, and pray.' 'Watch ye therefore.' And what I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch!"

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### HEBREWS OBSERVE DAY OF ATONEMENT

Rabbi Liberman Holds Special Yom Kippur Services Assisted by Three of His Sons, Recently Ordained.

Congregations of the Jewish temples in St. Louis last night held special services in honor of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, following a custom handed down from 2,000 years ago.

At Congregation Shaar Shalom, Fifth and Washington, the annual Yom Kippur service was conducted by the Reverend H. Liberman, in behalf of twenty-four young men who recently entered the ministry. Mr. Liberman, the young minister, three of whom are sons, occupied a raised enclosure in the center of the great auditorium, leading in the silent service, and singing psalms at regular intervals being answered by the members of the congregation seated in the lower part of the auditorium.

A total of 1,200 persons attended, and from the other temples in the city. The gallery seats, alone, were for the use of female members of the congregation. A custom of old, however, was observed, with faithfully observed, but which appears most odd to latter-day Christians, is that of keeping the head covered during services. None of the men wore their hats, in deference to the established custom.

At the congregation Hebrews Decreey, at Ninth and Locust, the service was conducted by the Reverend J. F. Fleischman, who was assisted by twelve young men, who have just entered the ministry.

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**REVEREND DOCTOR MILLS  
ON "ATMOSPHERE AND LIFE."**

Pligrim Congregational Pastor Expresses His Indorsement of the Church Upon the Community.

In Pligrim Congregational Church yesterday morning the pastor, the Reverend Doctor Charles S. Mills, spoke on "Atmosphere and Life," and said:

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blessings upon us, that shall not be thrown down." Even the temple could not remain when it ceased to be the home of the spirit.

God looks far beneath the glittering surface of things, and sees the hollow pretensions of that which is not substantial.

Heaven, then, the words of solemn warning coming from the lips of our great Master, as the final words on leaving the temple, "Ye know not that ye enter into hell if ye do not repent." And I say unto you, "I say unto all, Watch and pray."

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We find this true in our service for the Master. It is a common thing to complain of the narrowness of one's field of usefulness, when one has been called to a veritable spiritual gold mine.

Charles W. Gordon, better known as "Happy Charlie," was called to begin his career, and ordered to the great Northwestern Canadian mission field near him, there to develop his talents and the training of years. To go to the distant field was commendable with his qualifications.

He confessed afterwards that he found he was not big enough for it, so great was his possibilities and the magnitude of his work.

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It makes all the difference in the world, whether we are in a place of beauty or among the fleas, whether a man is born in a neighborhood reeking with vice, or in one permeated with the virtues of industry and self-sacrifice.

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